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SUBJ: INDUSTRIAL REORGANIZATION

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY' S GENERAL COMMENTS ON DECREE PUBLISHED
APRIL 3 IN PRAVDA.

2. AS DECREE STATES, PURPOSE OF MEASURES ENVISAGED IS TO
INCREASE SIZE OF INDUSTRIAL UNITS BY PUTTING TOGETHER NUMBER
OF ENTERPRISES IN SAME FIELD. AT SAME TIME, IN ORDER TO
SPEED UP INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY DECREE PROPOSES
THAT RELATED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSITIUTES AND DESIGN
BUREAUS BE " ORGANICALLY UNITED" WITH ENLARGED PRODUCTION
UNIT. IN THIS PROCESS ADMINISTRATIVE LAYER (GLAVK)
WITHIN MINISTRIES IS TO BE ABOLISHED. THERE WILL BE TWO KINDS
OF INDUSTRIAL AMALGAMATIONS, ONE " ALL- UNION" TO BE SUBORDINATE
TO THE ALL- UNION LEVEL AND ONE " REPUBLIC" TO BE SUBORDINATED
TO EITHER
UNION- REPUBLIC OR REPUBLIC LEVEL. ALL
INDUSTRIAL AMALGAMATIONS ARE TO OPERATE ON AN
ACCOUNTABLE BASIS AND NOT BE DEPENDENT ON BUDGET
ALLOCATIONS.

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3. AS INDICATED IN PRAVDA EDITORIAL OF APRIL 4, STEPS NOW ENGAGED ARE NOT NEW ONES. AS SHOWN IN PAST REPORTING FROM EMBASSY, INDUSTRIAL AMALGAMATIONS PROCESS HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, PRINCIPALLY IN LENINGRAD AND BALTIC STATES. MINISTRY OF INSTRUMENT MAKING, MEANS OULD HAVE 46 PERCENT.

3. PERCENTAGE OF "DON' T KNOWS" AND " UNDECIDED" DROPPED TO 7 PERCENT OF THOSE QUESTIONED IN MARCH POLL, AS COMPARED TO 9.5 - 10 PERCENT IN THE SEVERAL PRECEDING MONTHS. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. THIS SIFO POLL IS DISAGREEABLE READING FOR SOCDEM PARTY. WHAT LOOKED IN EARLY 1973 LIKE A TIMELY UPSURGE OF SOCDEM POPULARITY FROM MIDTERM DOLDRUMS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE RECEDED. SOCDEM PERCENTAGE IS BACK WHERE IT WAS LAST AUTUMN AND IS SCARCELY ABOVE LOW POINT OF ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO. OTHER INTERESTING POINTS ABOUT SIFO MARCH RESULTS ARE CONTINUATION OF COMEBACK OF MODERATE (CONSERVATIVE) PARTY FROM ITS ALL-TIME LOW, CONTINUING SAG OF WEAKLY- LED LIBERAL PARTY AND FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF CENTER PARTY' S ABILITY TO HOLD ITS REMARKABLE POPULARITY UPSURGE ACHIEVED IN 1971-1972. SINCE SOCDEM PARTY HAD WELL- OILED CAMPAIGN MACHINE TURNING OVER BRISKLY BY TIME MARCH SIFO POLL WAS TAKEN, THOSE FIGURES MUST BE A BIT DISTRUBING TO LEADERSHIP. PARTY SPOKESMAN DISMISSED THEM AS MEANINGLESS, HOWEVER, CLAIMING SOCDEMS LEADERSHIP IS WELL SATISFIED WITH ITS OWN PRIVATE OPINION SOUNDINGS. THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE DISMISSING A BIT TOO EASILY WHAT WOULD SEEN TO BE THE MESSAGE OF THE MARCH SIFO FIGURES - THAT THE SOCDEM ELECTION LOCOMOTIVE HAD ACHIEVED KUTTKE NINENTUM SIX MONTHS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. OLSEN

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